

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921.

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Reason for Submission: ("X" means purpose of the report)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

Supporting Documents: (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

Casualty Identification:		Burial Information:	
Carrick, Lawrence Stanley	i	Adanac Military Cemetery	link
49 th Battalion	i	Somme, France	i
Lieutenant	i	Plot 8 Row J Grave 4	i
Date of Death: 15/09/1916	link	Date of Burial / Exhumation	i
Attestation Papers	link	Cemetery Schematic	link
Service Record	link	Graves Registration Report	8
Circumstance of Death	1	Concentration of Grave	
CEF Canada Register	2	Headstone Register	
War Diary Extract(s)	3	Casualty Spreadsheet	
Area Map(s)	4	Trench Map Exhumation	9
Trench Map(s)	5	Grave Stone Photograph	
Possible Candidates List	6	Grave Stone Inscription	
Excluded Candidates List		Memorial Inscription/Photo	
Service Record Extract	7a,b	Reporting and Review	10

Summary of Findings:

The Graves Registration Report form for Adanac Military Cemetery Plot 8 Row J Grave 4 lists an UNKNOWN 2nd Lieutenant of the 49th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

An examination of the records clearly indicates that the only Unknown Lieutenant of the 49th Battalion that meets these conditions is Lieutenant Lawrence Stanley Carrick, killed in action near Courcelette on the night of September 15, 1916.

Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 8 Row J Grave 4 of the Adanac Military Cemetery are those of Lt. Carrick of the 49th Canadian Infantry Battalion. His remains lie next to those of [Captain Ferris of the 49th Battalion in 8.J.5](#), as previously reported.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The “Circumstance of Death” (COD) file for Lt. Carrick says that he was killed in action while gallantly leading his men in an attack on the night of September 15th/16th, he was hit in the head by a rifle bullet and instantly killed (Attachment #1).
2. The “CEF War Graves Register” shows that the body of Lt. Carrick was not knowingly recovered for burial from the Somme area and as such his name was to be added to the Vimy Memorial as an unknown (Attachment #2).
3. The [War Diary of the 49th Battalion](#) provides clear evidence of the location of the unit at the time of the demise of Lt. Carrick. In the narrative of the action the Officer Commanding the 49th, Lt.-Col. Griesbach acknowledged the order to move from Tara Hill Camp to Chalk Pit in 57dSE X.10.0 (15-09-16 2:20 pm) and that they arrived at Chalk Pit at 4 pm for the attack ordered for 6:15 pm. They moved the battalion (49th) after PPCLI at 5 pm arriving at X5 d.5.5 at which time there was a heavy barrage at X5 c.8.8 to R34 c.5.5. The entries for September 1916, pages 6-12 provide a good narrative for the actions where Carrick was lost (Attachment #3).
4. The area where the 49th Infantry Battalion was engaged on September 15, 1916 is specifically shown on Nicholson Map 6, in the area immediately west of Courcellette (Attachment #4).
5. We know from previous research that the body of Captain Ferris, also of the 49th Infantry Battalion was recovered at an approximate location noted as Sheet 57c Sector R29 and Grids c.9.4, an area we have shown on a trench map extract of the area (Attachment #5).
6. The possible candidates for the Lieutenants of the 49th Battalion include those depicted on the CWGC web site for the Vimy Memorial in September 1916 (Attachment #6).
 - a. Lt. Neville Ayrton Astbury
 - b. Lt. Lawrence Stanley Carrick
 - c. Lieutenant Robert Eugene Drader
 - d. Lieutenant Locksley McKnight

7. A review of the Attestation Papers and Service Records of all of the above clearly show that Lieutenants Astbury, Drader and McKnight were "*Full Lieutenants*" at the start of the war and that only Lt. Carrick came up through the ranks from Private to Corporal, Sergeant, and finally to a Temporary (2nd) Lieutenant (Attachment #7). As such, only Lt. Carrick fits the specifics of the details provided on the Graves Registration Report Form. We concur that the term "*2nd Lieutenant*" was British Army terminology that was used by the British Expeditionary Force, not by the Canadian Expeditionary Force. However that was the standard reporting terminology that was used for junior Lieutenants of the Commonwealth Forces during the graves concentration process.
8. The Graves Registration Report Form (GRRF) for Adanac Military Cemetery shows a "*2nd Lt. 49th C.E.F.*" in Plot 8 Row J Grave 4 (Attachment #8). The only Lieutenant for the 49th Battalion lost in this area of Courcellette at any time during the war was Lt. Lawrence Stanley Carrick. All other Lieutenants of the 49th Infantry Battalion that are missing and so reported on the Vimy Memorial have been accounted for elsewhere.
9. The locations of the remains of all missing 49th Battalion Lieutenants have been marked on a period trench map of the Courcellette-Martinpuich area (Attachment #9). The "*Mystery Lieutenant*" is the subject of a separate investigation and report, as there are only four (4), not five (5), missing 49th Bn. Lieutenants.

Action Required:

The "Investigative Report" has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #10).

It is the conclusion of the investigation reported herein that the remains in Plot 8 Row J Grave 4 in the Adanac Military Cemetery are those of Lieutenant Lawrence Stanley Carrick of the 49th Infantry Battalion.

ATTACHMENT #1

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
	Lieutenant	CARRICK	Lawrence Stanley
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.O. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
49th Battalion	15-9-16	8377-1	Not stated
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
<p>*Killed in Action*</p> <p>While gallantly leading his men in an attack on the night of September 15th/16th 1916, he was hit in the head by a rifle bullet and instantly killed.</p>			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
COMMENTS.			
12. CEMETERY		13. GRAVE LOCATION	14. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Provisional Missing Memorial 1913		Grave Plot Row	
15. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	16. EXPENSE NO.	17. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
18. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

NOTE—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently found.

RE. E. W. 204
RE. G. 173-00-00-00
RE. 1-1-1-1
RE. 1-1-1-1
RE. 1-1-1-1

ATTACHMENT #2

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NUMBER..... RANK Lieut NAME GARRICK L.S.

UNIT 49th Battn NEXT-OF-KIN: Miss Mary A Garrick

FILE NO. R.L. 9 - C - 674 She Lodge, Brampton, Cumberland

D.G.R. & E. Ref.

DATE OF DEATH	CAUSE AND PLACE OF DEATH	CAS. SHEET NO.
15-9-16	Killed in Action	No 477 Sht.1.

DATE OF BURIAL	PLACE OF BURIAL	DESCRIPTION OF GRAVE
X	<p>Burial Report by G.R.C.:-</p> <p>✓ Reported - Body not recovered for burial -</p> <p>Killed in Area - Somme</p> <p>not recovered 4/6/19</p> <p>† VIMY †</p> <p>MEMORIAL</p>	<p>Authority on R.L. 9.C.674</p> <p>Authority on R.L. 9-C-674</p> <p>9C674</p>

ATTACHMENT #3

Hqrs. 49th. Canadian Battalion,

G.5/1.

The General Officer Commanding,
Headquarters,
7TH. CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit this my Report on the operations of the Battalion under my Command, between the 15th and 18th. September, 1918.

MAP REFERENCE
Trench Map, Sheet
57 D., S.E.

At the outset I regret to state that owing to an unfortunate accident to myself, all my papers, Maps, Orders, etc. were destroyed at about 4.30 a.m., the 16th inst., and I shall not be able to give the detailed information that I otherwise should give, of events which occurred up to that time and until such time as I sufficiently recovered myself to carry on, which was about 12 mid-day the 16th inst.

THE NARRATIVE.

Sept. 15th.

On the 15th inst., I attended two Conferences, presided over by yourself, and the scheme was fully explained by you and quite well understood by myself. I returned to my Battalion and Explained the scheme to my officers and it was quite well understood by them. They, in turn, explained the scheme to other ranks.

2.40 p.m.

At about twenty minutes to three p.m. on the 15th inst., I received a dispatch from you, ordering me to move this Battalion from the TARA HILL CAMP to the CHALK PIT in X.10.c.

3.00 p.m.

At 3 p.m. the Battalion fell in and moved off. In accordance with your orders, I had with me four officers per company and four officers on Headquarters staff, a total of 20 officers and 665 other ranks, a total of 685 all ranks.

4.00 p.m.

The Battalion arrived at the Chalk Pit at about 4 p.m., and there I received your Operation Order No.... (Since destroyed) ordering the attack at 6.15 p.m. I was ordered to draw Bombs and Tools at the R.E. Dump there, but owing to the shortness of time at my disposal, I was only able to draw one bomb per man, instead of two, as ordered. For the same reason I was unable to secure Contact Flares for aeroplane observation.

I provided every fourth man with a tool, picks and shovels equal in number. Guides were to have been provided for my use, but did not report. I thereupon detailed my Intelligence Section to follow the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, who had preceded me, for the purpose of maintaining contact with them.

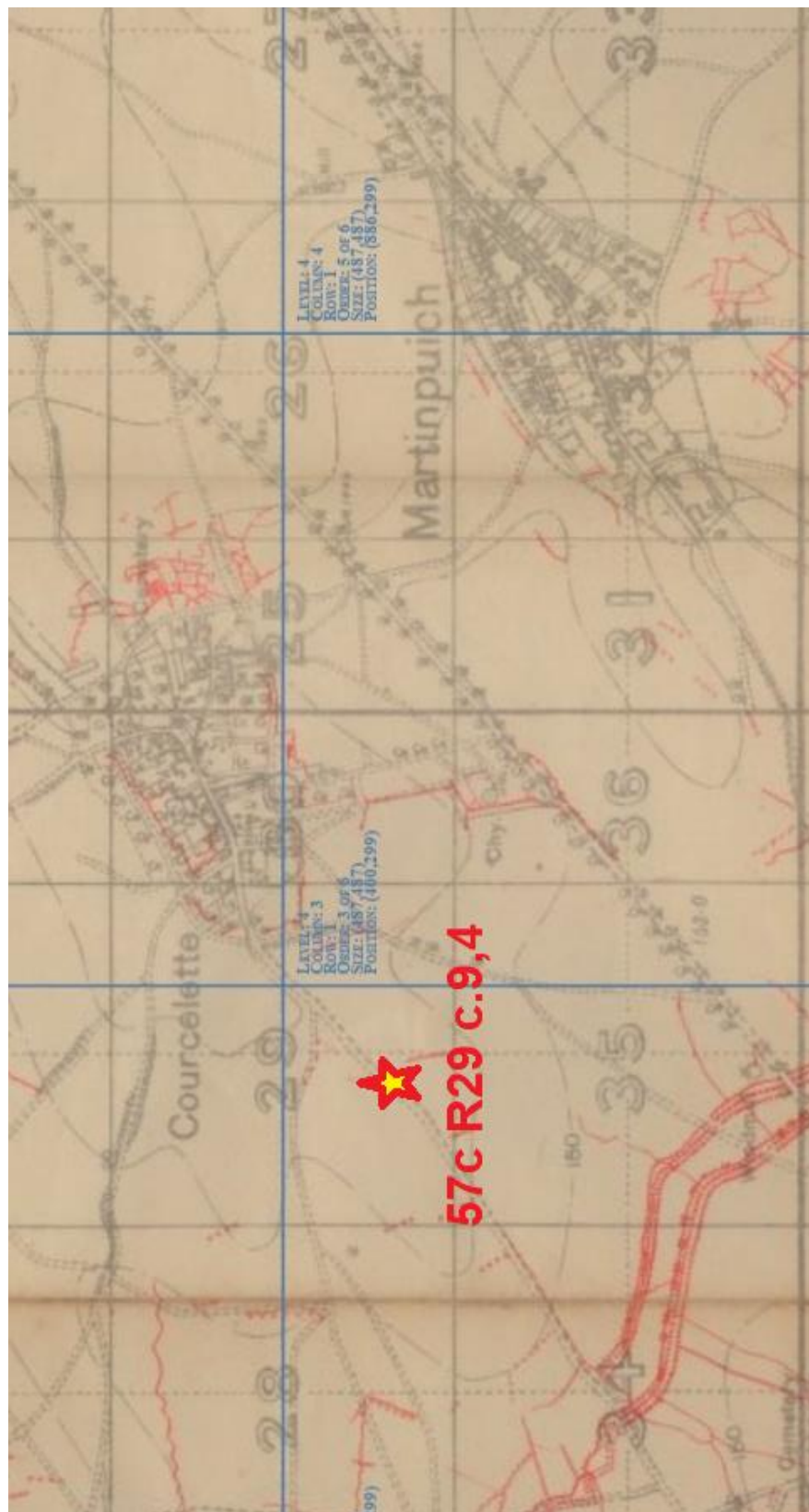
5.00 p.m.

5.45 p.m.





At about 5 p.m. I moved the Battalion after the Princess Patricia's and at about 5.45 p.m. arrived at the point X.5.d.S.S. At that hour the enemy had placed a heavy barrage about the line X5.c.8.8.

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ATTACHMENT #5



ATTACHMENT #6

Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name	Docs.
ASTBURY, NEVILLE AYRTON	Lieutenant		16/09/1916		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
CARRICK, LAWRENCE STANLEY	Lieutenant		15/09/1916	34	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
DRADER, ROBERT EUGENE	Lieutenant		16/09/1916		Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
McKNIGHT, LOCKSLEY	Lieutenant		16/09/1916	27	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	

Regimental No. 1982 **Rank** Pt. II **Name** Lawrence Stanley Currier

Enlisted (a) 23/11/14 **Terms of Service (a) for the war** Service reckons from (a) 23/11/14

Date of promotion to present rank 10.7.16 **Date of appointment to lance rank** _____

Extended _____ **Re-engaged** _____ **Qualification (b)** _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
8-8-15	b.c. Cav. Sqdn.	Promoted Corporal.	Linchfield	5-8-15	B213
5/9/15	- do -	APPN. L/Sgt.	- do -	1-9-15	B213
"	Unit	Promoted Sergeant.	Gyld	19/9/15	158/Cav/1/1
16-4-16	"	Attached to Machine Gun School	Hamburgues	9-4-16	B213 P.2.O. 19 d/y. 5-16
23-4-16	"	Rejoined Unit.	Gyld.	16-4-16	" " 19 - 7-5-16
2-5-16	A.G. G.H.Q.	This Unit will in future form part of C.C. Cavalry Reg.	"	31/5/16	P.T.II No 22 " 31/16
22 nd	M.C.A.	Granted Comm. Posted to 49th Gen Inf. Batt.	.	10/7/16	List No 92 " 10 " 1/8/16
22 nd	A.C.R.	Taken on strength 49th Bn.	Gyld	10-7-16	Rev No 92. P.T. List. 31. 7/8/16.
20-9-16	A.G. GHQ	Killed in action	do	15-9-16	List No 19 Gen. Summary Pubd. E.d. 58 dt 28-9-16 P.T.O.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) e.g., Signaller, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., all special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

ATTACHMENT #7(b)

Rank and Name	Carrick, Lawrence Stanley		3912 ✓	
Regimental No.	1932	Name and Address of Next-of-kin	Miss M.A. Carrick	
Unit	Cavalry		Grange, Brampton,	
Date of enlistment	Sept 23rd 1914		Cumberland. England	
Place of birth	England			
Married (Yes or No)	No	Date and place of discharge		
If in Permanent Force		Reason for discharge		
Promotions or appointments		Character on discharge		

Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
14/8/15	Appd L/Cpl	Bulford	27/1/15	R Owr ending 27/1/15
11/9/15	From Cpl	France	2/8/15	P.O. 22
14.2.16	Appd L/Sgt	do	1/9/15	#29
7.5.16	Promoted Sergeant.	do	19.9.15	8.
31.5.16	Att. to M. G. School	Flambergues	9.11.16	19.
	Ret. to duty	In field	16.11.16	19.
	This unit will in future			
	form part of the Corp. Cav. Reg.		31.5.16	22 + P.I. 31.5.16 Corp. Cav.

Rank and Name	CARRICK Lawrence Stanley,		Temp Lieutenant. 49 Bn	
Regimental No.	1932 Sgt.	Name and Address of Next-of-Kin	Miss M.A. Carrick,	
Unit	Can. Corps Cav. Regt.		Grange, Brampton,	
Date of enlistment	23rd September, 1914.		Cumberland, England.	
Place of birth	Brampton, Cumberland		England.	
Married (Yes or No)	No.	Date and place of discharge		
If in Permanent Force		Reason for discharge		
Promotions or appointments		Character on discharge		

Report	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	REMARKS Taken from Official Documents
23/9/16	To be temp Lieutenant pstd to 49th Battalion.		10/4/16	49th Bn Per. Ord 28-31. C.C. R. Per. Ord. 10. Com. Sgt. 12/9/16. See R.C. 440.-31-7-16
	Reported from Base as Killed in Action		15/9/16	6th 49th Per. Ord 58 (49th) 289-6 (of 49th 2090 A3 104-73) 80th 21-1176

ATTACHMENT #8

M.MCW. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. 4-12-20. Army Form W. 3372.

GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM. 199c

3rd. AREA SERIAL NO. W/. 6887
REPORT No. 90. SCHEDULE No. 50.2.

COMMUNE: -MIRA MONT.

PLACE OF BURIAL ADANAC MILITARY CEMETERY.

Map Reference 57d.R.18.a.3.4.

The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
		<u>PLOT 8. ROW "H"</u>				
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.			All	35.
		"	"			36.
12/ H.L.I.		AUSTIN	2/Lt.H.M.	18.8.16.	Crosses	37.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH OFFICER.				38.
		"	SOLDIER.		Erected.	39.
Gloster		"	Pte.			40.
		<u>PLOT 8. ROW "J"</u>				
18/ C. E. F.		UNKNOWN	Lieut.			1.
do.		UNKNOWN OFFICER.				2.
do.		"	"			3.
49/ C. E. F.		"	2/Lt.			4.
do.		"	Capt.			5.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.				6.
Hood Bn. R.N.D.	16376	UNKNOWN.	A.B. and One		R0/34419	7.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.				8.
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.				9.
8/ Yorks & Lancs.	16376	AUSTWICK	Pte. F.			10.

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ATTACHMENT #9



ATTACHMENT #10

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

Procedure:	Guideline Criteria for Submission:
All new identification cases need to be assessed in the first instance by the Canadian Agency (CA) and submissions should go to their office directly. After an initial assessment, if the Agency feels that the case is compelling, they will then pass all the documentation to the Commemorations Team at the Commission's Head Office. Head Office will then review the case and inform the CA of their findings. The Canadian authorities will then decide whether or not any changes to the arrangements for commemoration are required and inform the Commission accordingly.	Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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